

a switch attached to said operating lever; and

C₁ a controller that tilts said mast when said operating lever is tilted and said switch is in a first switching state, that lifts or lowers said fork when said operating lever is tilted and said switch is in a second switching state, and that prevents lifting and lowering of said fork when said switch is changed from said first switching state to said second switching state while said operating lever is tilted.

3. (Once Amended) A load handling apparatus for use with a forklift, comprising:

a mast disposed on a body of the forklift;

C₂ a fork that is slidably coupled to said mast;

a tiltable operating lever;

a switch coupled to said operating lever;

at least one control valve that controls a tilting of said mast and a sliding of said fork with respect to said mast; and

a controller that outputs at least one signal to said at least one control valve to control said tilting of said mast and said sliding of said fork, wherein said controller outputs said at least one signal based on a switching state of said switch and a tilting state of said operating lever.
